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**FROM** Jeffrey T. Klayman (JK) 19 (INCLUDING THIS SHEET)

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**DATE** 8/21/2003

**RE** Patent Application for System and Method for Facilitating Bilateral and Multilateral Decision-Making

**OUR FILE** 1525C/107 **YOUR FILE** Serial No. 09/538,556

## COMMENTS

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Practitioner's Docket No. 1525C/107

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Shapiro et al.  
 Application No.: 09/538,556  
 Filed: 03/29/2000  
 For: System and Method for Facilitating Bilateral and Multilateral Decision-Making

Group No.: 3623  
 Examiner: Stimpak, J.

Commissioner for Patents  
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- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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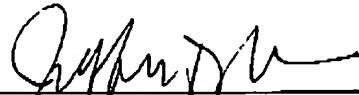
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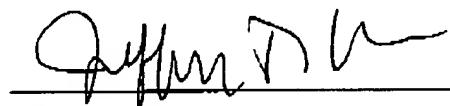
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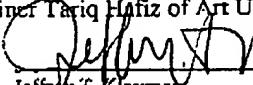
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended of a telephonic conversation held on August 7, 2003 between Mr. Jeffrey Klayman and Supervisory Patent Examiner Hafiz in which Mr. Hafiz instructed Mr. Klayman to submit a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Advisory Action of August 4, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry and reconsideration of the amendment filed on ~~July 11, 2003~~<sup>095555</sup>, as follows.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 22, 23, 25, and 29 to read as follows: